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SUBJECT: FURTHER GERMAN COMMENTS ON GENSCHER'S VISIT  
TO MOSCOW

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SUMMARY: IN A FURTHER BRIEFING ON GENSCHER'S RECENT  
VISIT TO MOSCOW, AN FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL MADE  
IT CLEAR THAT LITTLE WAS ACHIEVED BUT THAT THE SOVIETS  
SHOWED A DESIRE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE FRG.  
THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON THE BERLIN CLAUSE IN THE THREE  
PROPOSED GERMAN-SOVIET ACCORDS BUT BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT  
THEY WISH TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. BREZHNEV, DURING THE  
2-HOUR MEETING, DID MOST OF THE TALKING BUT APPEARED  
MUCH OLDER THAN IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND SUFFERED ALSO  
FROM SLURRED SPEECH. BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO BONN IS STILL  
PLANNED BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET BEYOND A TENTATIVE SUG-  
GESTION THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS  
OF THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.  
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1. ANDREAS MEYER-LANDRUT, POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR  
SOVIET-EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE,  
TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW PRODUCED NO CONCRETE  
RESULTS.

2. MEYER-LANDRUT PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY  
COMMENTS REGARDING THE VISIT:

--THE RUSSIANS SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME HECTORING

AND ADMONISHING THE GERMANS ABOUT ALL THE EVILS OF GERMAN POLICY IN BERLIN AND ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, AFTER EACH LISTING OF THIS KIND, THE SOVIETS THEN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN GERMAN PERFORMANCE AND THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IF THE GERMANS WOULD CONTINUE SUCH IMPROVEMENT. FROM THIS, MEYER-LANDRUT CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOT NOW READY TO REACH ANY AGREEMENTS WITH THE GERMANS BUT DID NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY LATER POSSIBILITIES.

--THERE WAS NO PROGRESS MADE ON THE BERLIN CLAUSE IN THE THREE OUTSTANDING ACCORDS. IN FACT, THE SUBJECT WAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED IN DEPTH BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR THAT BOTH SIDES MAINTAINED THEIR POSITIONS. HOWEVER, A PARTICULARLY LONG RECITAL EMERGED OF HOW THE FRG WAS NOT BEHAVING PROPERLY WITH REGARD TO BERLIN (SEE REFTTEL).

--ON CSCE, THE SOVIETS PURSUED THEIR USUAL LINE THAT BELGRADE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A PLACE TO GENERATE CONTROVERSY. THEY TOLD THE GERMANS THAT THEY WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE BELGRADE DISCUSSIONS BE BROKEN UP INTO SEPARATE WORKING GROUPS TO DEAL WITH INDIVIDUAL TOPICS OR PROPOSALS. THIS STRUCK MEYER-LANDRUT AS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN THAT ALL THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD IN PRIVATE. MEYER-LANDRUT ASSUMED THE SOVIETS WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE TOLD THIS IF THEY WOULD INDEED ADVANCE SUCH A PROPOSAL FORMALLY AT BELGRADE.

--DURING A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH GENSCHER, BREZHNEV APPEARED MUCH AGED AND HAD SPEECH DIFFICULTIES. NONE-THE LESS, HE TALKED FOR THE FIRST HOUR OF THE MEETING AND THEN AGAIN AT LENGTH IN RESPONSE TO GENSCHER'S ANSWERING COMMENTS. IT WAS AMUSING THAT BREZHNEV READ IN TURN FROM TWO SETS OF PAPERS IN FRONT OF HIM. ONE SET, PROBABLY PREPARED BY HIS POLITICAL STAFF, GENERALLY CONTAINED MORE FRIENDLY AND MORE BROAD-GAUGED OBSERVATIONS. THE OTHER, WHICH MEYER-LANDRUT GUESSED TO BE A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY PRODUCT, WAS MORE LIKE AN ACCOUNTANT'S WORK BOOK IN ITS DETAIL AS WELL AS MORE POLEMICAL IN ITS FLAVOR.

--THE GERMANS COULD NOT LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO PODGORNÝ, BUT THEY BELIEVED THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING SERIOUS BEHIND PODGORNÝ'S OUSTER. MEYER-LANDRUT DREW THIS CONCLUSION FROM THE

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FACT THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE  
MATTER, AS WELL AS FROM THE EXTREME SECRETIVENESS WITH  
WHICH IT APPEARED TO BE HANDLED BY EVERYBODY.

--MUCH TO THE SURPRISE OF THE GERMANS, THE SOVIETS  
DID NOT ASK FOR CREDITS OF ANY KIND. MEYER-LANDRUT  
PRESUMES THEY MAY WAIT FOR A BREZHNEV-SCHMIDT MEETING  
TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT, SINCE THEY MUST KNOW THAT  
GENSCHER IS NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY SUCH PROMISES AND, IN AN  
CASE, NOT MUCH INCLINED TO DO SO.

--ON MBFR, THE SOVIETS WENT THROUGH THEIR ROUTINE  
ACCUSATIONS THAT THE GERMANS WERE BLOCKING AGREEMENT.

--THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO  
NEGOTIATE, CURIOUSLY, WAS THE PART DEALING WITH NON-  
PROLIFERATION. THE GERMANS HAD PROPOSED IN THEIR DRAFT  
THAT THIS PART REFER TO "ALL THE ARTICLES" OF THE NPT.  
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THEY HAD DONE THIS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE  
FRG ATTACHES TO ARTICLE IV. THE SOVIETS WANTED MUCH  
BROADER LANGUAGE, BUT FINALLY SETTLED ON THE EQUIVALENT  
OF "ALL PROVISIONS."  
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